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Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted and Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules dated **January 31, 2002**, Applicants submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
4. Preliminary Amendment;
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
6. 60 sheets of Formal Drawings with (Figures 1A-1B, 2A-2B, 3-4, 5A-5C, 6-12, 13A-13B, 14-15, 16A-16B, 17A-17B, 18A-18D, 19A-19D, 20A-20D, 21, 22A-22B, 23, 24A-24B, 25A-25B, 26A-26B, 27A-27C, 28-38, 39A-39C, 40, 41A-41B, 42A-42D, 43A-43B, 44A-44B, 45, and 46);

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7. Paper and computer readable copy of Sequence Listing;
8. Five (5) Original Declarations, executed by the inventors;
9. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
10. Assignee 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement with copy of Five (5) Assignments attached;
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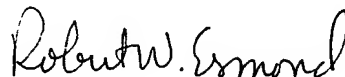
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Respectfully submitted,

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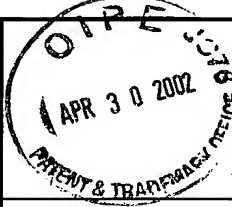


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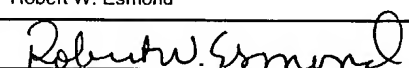
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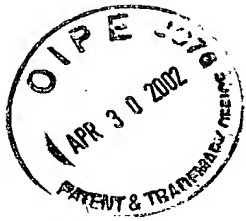
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